

## Remarks

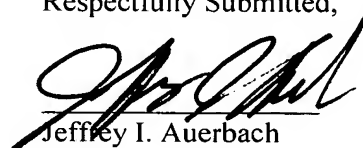
### I. Status

Applicants have amended the original claims to address minor informalities in their dependency. No new matter is added the amendment, which is fully supported by the original specification.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for Examination, and earnestly solicit early notice of favorable action. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned with respect to any issues regarding this application.

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